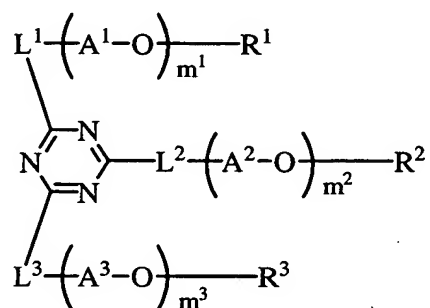


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A novel optical compensatory sheet is disclosed. The sheet comprises an optically anisotropic layer comprising at least one compound selected from the group represented by Formula (I):

Formula (I)



where  $L^1$ ,  $L^2$  and  $L^3$  respectively represent a single bond,  $NR^a$ , where  $R^a$  is a hydrogen atom (H), an optionally substituted alkyl or aryl group, oxygen atom (O) or sulfur atom (S);  $A^1$ ,  $A^2$  and  $A^3$  respectively represent an alkylene group;  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  respectively represent a substituent group;  $m^1$ ,  $m^2$  and  $m^3$  respectively represent an integer not less than 0, at least one of  $m^1$ ,  $m^2$  and  $m^3$  is not 0, when  $m^1$  and  $m^2$  are 0,  $L^3$  represents NH or S; and when  $m^1$ ,  $m^2$  and  $m^3$  are respectively not less than 2, plural  $A^1$ ,  $A^2$  or  $A^3$  may be same or different each other.